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Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to A CPA filed April 18 2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5-16 and 18.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION. This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review(PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 9-15-00, which has been approved by the examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____.7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to a communication filed April 18, 2001.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The application has been amended as follows:

Delete current title of the invention and write in place SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE INCLUDING MULTI-LAYER STRUCTURE FOR NOISE PREVENTION.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: There is prior art regarding semiconductor devices having multiple wiring layers comprising signal lines, adjacent lines formed in the wiring layer where the signal line is formed, and intersection lines formed in the wiring layers.

See that Gaibotti et al. (US 6133621) teaches the above structural limitations.

However, independent claims 1,5,8,10,13 and 18 teach the limitations of a semiconductor device having multiple wiring layers comprising entire-line-area through-holes which respectively penetrate through the insulating layer above or under the wiring layer where the signal line and the adjacent lines are formed. These limitations in combination with the specific limitation of "wherein said signal line is completely enclosed by said two adjacent lines, said two intersection lines, and said entire-line-area through-holes" make the independent claims in the application allowable over the prior


art of record. Likewise, the dependent claims in the instant application are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

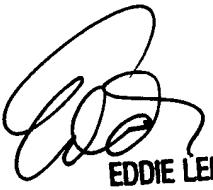
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lourdes C. Cruz whose telephone number is 707-306-5691. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00- 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie Lee can be reached on 703-308-1690. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7722 for regular communications and 703-308-7722 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.


Lourdes Cruz
May 10, 2001

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